

Medina Police Department



Mission Statement

Committed to Protecting Life and property, Maintain Order,
Enforcing the laws of the State of Washington without
Prejudice, and **Working Cooperatively with the Public to
Provide a Safe Community for All.**

HOME SECURITY

- Police Partnership
 - Initiate Crime Prevention
- Know your Neighbors



Medina Police Services

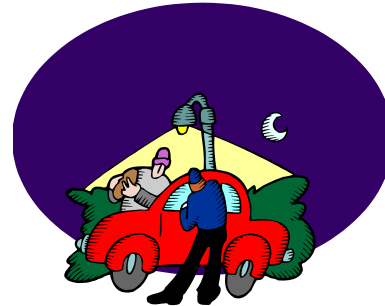
- State Accredited
- E-Lert Program
- House Watch
- Alarm Registration (Ordinance 8.10.030)
- Public Safety Education Programs -- *Block Watch, False Alarm Awareness, Women's Personal Safety, Child Internet Safety*

Confessions of a Burglar

- No Exterior or Interior Lights
- Unlocked Doors/Windows – even on the second floor
- Bushes that hide doorways and windows
- Packages and newspapers left on the doorstep
- Alarm systems not activated
- Ladders, tools left outside
- Curtains left open – purses or valuables in view
- Cars not on property or in garage
- If there is a dog
- Watchful neighbors – visible to your home
- How often are you away from home – surveillance of your activity



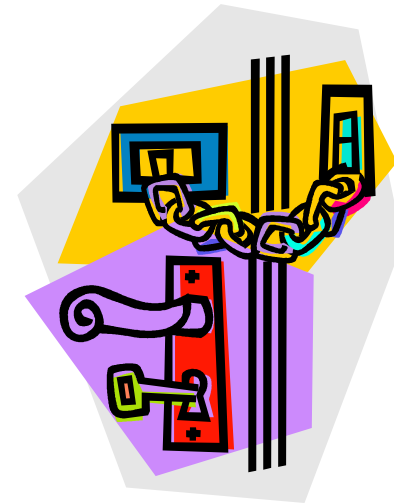
CRIME PREVENTION is the Key



Stops crime before it happens

Crime Prevention Measures

- Lock doors with deadbolts – French doors & sliders are especially vulnerable
- Secure all windows—even 2nd floor
- Lights at entrances, walkways, driveway, carport (if open)
- Keep bushes below window, away from house
- Mark valuables (Operation ID)
- Locking Mailboxes
- Join a Block Watch
- Invest in a Home Security System – Use it faithfully
- Stop Mail/Paper delivery if out of town
- Close curtains – leave lights on when not at home
- Secure valuables in a safe place
- Lock door access from house to garage

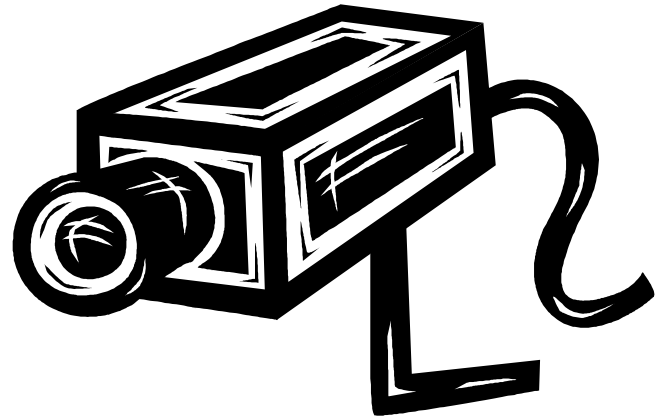


What Hunts Point Is Doing Right

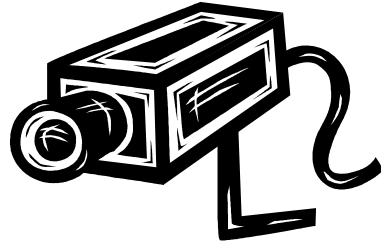
- Most residents have called on “suspicious” persons or cars in neighborhood
- Signs up for House Watch when out of town
- Stops mail and newspaper delivery
- When out of town, alert neighbors
- Registers for Medina Police Department E-lert Program
- Use of Surveillance Camera

Other Things You Can Do

- Call 911 any time, day or night
- Lock doors & windows at ALL times, even when you're home
- Mark and list serial #s of valuables (Operations ID)
- Secure valuables in a safe and out of sight
- Use your security system faithfully
- Trim bushes and trees for better visibility for watchful neighbors
- Join a Block Watch



Home Security Systems



- Security Systems decrease chance of burglary by 80%, if used properly
- Be consumer aware— Fit your family lifestyle; User Friendly; Desired Protection; Excellent Customer Service
- Be familiar with the system and use it
- Prevent false alarms

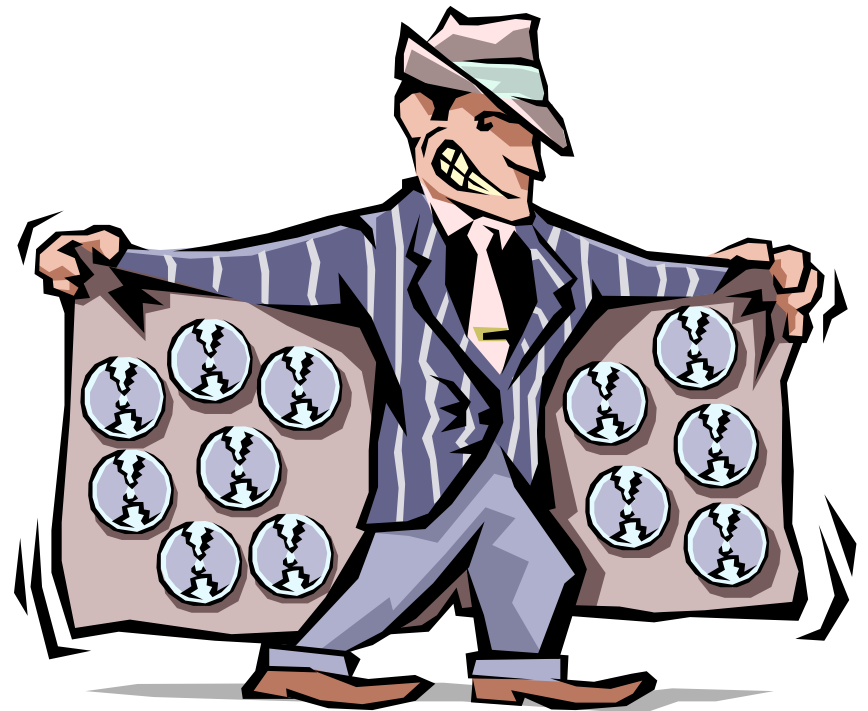
Prevent False Alarms

Makes your system Reliable

- Know your system
- Keep it Maintained
- Update if Home Remodeled
- Those that have access must know Code
- Keep Emergency Contact Information current

How to Handle Solicitors

- Don't Open the Door to a Stranger
- Post a "No Solicitor" Sign visible from street
- If you do open the door and solicitor is overly aggressive – close the door and call 9-1-1

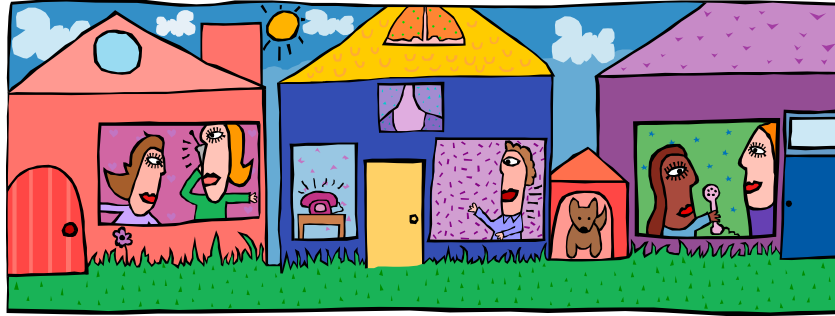


When to Call 9-1-1

- Any time. 9-1-1 is available 24-hours for police service
- If you witness a “suspicious” person – night or day – Call Immediately
- Provide helpful information – physical description; direction on foot or vehicle; what are they wearing; what is distinctive about this person (arm cast; backpack; bandana)



Form a Block Watch



- Make out invitations, walk the neighborhood, meet neighbors face to face, have another neighbor join you
- Meeting should be no more than an hour
- Designate a Captain and Co-Captain (you and neighbor that is extending the invitation)
- Try to keep group size to a manageable 10-15 neighbors for the meeting

At Your Block Meeting

- Make a name tags – introduce each other
- Provide a table with handout materials by the Medina Police Department
- Invite a speaker from Medina Police to speak on Crime Prevention
- Create a Neighborhood map and have neighbors fill in own information
- Start a telephone tree

Operation I.D.

- Mark valuables with an engraver with Personal ID # (Drivers License #)
Available at Medina Police Department
- Log serial numbers and secure in safe or safety deposit box
- Secure expensive, irreplaceable items in safe – combination unique to you



Thank You



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- For Classes – Call Linda Crum at (425) 233-6422